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Sent:

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 2:46 PM

To:

Subject:

2019-290-WS

Dear Mr. Paul Daurity,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a>.

 <u>Docket No. 2019-290-WS</u> - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <a href="https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247">https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247</a>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

**Becky Latimer** 

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Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

\* Required Fields



## Letter of Protest Docket No.

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Save as PDF file and Email form to: contact@psc.sc.gov

Date: * 11/26/2019	-		
Protestant Information:			
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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section <u>must</u> be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I'm a customer of Utilities Inc. DBA Blue Granite Water Company (a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Corix Utilities) who has proposed a 54% Rate Increase For Users Next Calendar Year.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary

To my knowledge Blue Granite Water Company purchased the rights to the supply lines in the subdivision that I'm a resident of. I'm currently paying Utilities, Inc/Blue Granite for the supply of water to my residence, and I'm paying Town of Lexington for the water that passes through the same supply line for the privilege of having connection to their maintained sewer lines. Residences less than 1.0 Nautical mile away, pay Town of Lexington for the supply and the sewer in one billing. Utilities, Inc., to my knowledge, does not produce any freshwater supply in our area, nor do they treat any water in our area. They subcontract any maintenance on the lines that they purchased, which were installed less than 3 years ago. A 54% increase over their last increase in 2017, would be a 27% in 2018 and 17.5% increase From 2019. The inflated cost of good does not match the scale of economy in the surrounding area. Imagine if we all told our employers we needed 27% more pay to do the same job?

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding ; if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \*

I would like to make an appearance at this hearing and would ask that the proceeding be held/conducted after normal business hours, so that I can continue my current employment so I can pay my Blue Granite, Town of Lexington Water and Sewer Bills respectively.

Signature Required: